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Amendment _____

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed 02/02/2004, 19____, please amend the above application as follows:

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Cancel claim number 1. Replace claim number 1 with claim number 2.

Response to: "Amendment of the claims"

- A. There is only one claim (copy enclosed) containing elements a, b, and c.
- B. Copies of the withdrawn claim and the new claim are enclosed.
- C. The copies are identified as withdrawn claim and amended claim.
- D. There is only one claim (copy enclosed) containing elements a, b, and c.
- E. This response is signed.

This is the withdrawn claim

CLAIM: number 1

A system for inducing inertia into a vehicles' steering gear, comprising:

- a. the connecting of a controlled braking device to said vehicles steering gear.
- b. means for controlling the amount of braking generated by said controlled braking device,

whereby said inertia will be induced into said vehicles' steering gear.

This is the claim as amended.

CLAIM: number 2

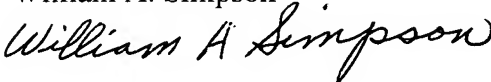
Control of vehicle steering following a high speed blowout, comprising:

- a. a braking device connected to the steering mechanism of a vehicle for providing inertia to block the effect of road forces on said steering mechanism following a high speed blowout,
- b. means for energizing said braking device,
- c. a torque multiplying device connected to the steering wheel of said vehicle to enable the drive to easily override said inertia and steer said vehicle.

whereby said inertia will be induced into said vehicles' steering gear.

Sincerely,

William A. Simpson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Simpson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.